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TAGS:CASC, (DUMONT, EDWARD)

SUBJECT:W/W EDWARD DUMONT, 7/4/61, NEW YORK

REF: STATE 183374; DAMASCUS 4880

1. SENATOR HOWARD CANNON INTERESTED.

2. SENATOR CANNON'S OFFICE HAS BEEN UNDER SOME PRESSURE FROM MR. JAMES DUMONT, FATHER OF EDWARD DUMONT WHO HAS RESIDED MOST OF HIS LIFE IN LEBANON WITH HIS MOTHER AFIFE ROWADI DUMONT. INQUIRY ON EDWARD'S SITUATION WAS SENT EMBASSY 9/9 DIRECTLY FROM CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM MR. JAMES DUMONT.

3. PER REFTELS, EDWARD EVIDENTLY MANAGED TO LEAVE LEBANON IN MAY TO VISIT EMBASSY IN RESPONSE TO GARBLED W/W INQUIRY, BUT RETURNED IMMEDIATELY. DAMASCUS RELATIVE, WHOM FATHER DESCRIBES AS COUSIN RATHER THAN AUNT, HAS NOT HEARD FROM EDWARD AS EXPECTED AT THAT TIME, NOR HAS HE EVIDENTLY CONTACTED EMBASSY. FATHER STILL GREATLY CONCERNED OVER ABORTED POSSIBILITY OF SON'S RETURN TO US, AND IS ATTEMPTIN TO RENEW CONTACT OR AT LEAST ESTABLISH SON'S W/W. AS
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EMBASSY AWARE, MOTHER MAY NOT WISH EDWARD TO LEAVE, BUT

FATHER WOULD STILL BE ENTITLED TO REPORT ON SON IF OBTAINABLE

4. ADDRESS POSSIBILITIES: FORMER LEBANON ADDRESS IS
TRIPOLI EL-MENA; ST. GEORGE SQUARE; TRIPOLI, LEBANON;
TELE 600-180. FATHER'S COUSINS (AUNT IN REFTEL) ARE
CATHERINE DUMONT; P.O. BOX 4111; DAMASCUS; TELE 488-971;
AND LILY DUMONT KUSSERIE (ASK FOR HER SON GEORGE); SAME
ADDRESS; TELE 446-808. THERE IS ALSO POSSIBILITY EDWARD
AND MOTHER MAY HAVE MOVED TO HOMS: KAZOMY TO RIMAN ATALLAH
HOMIDIYA, BEHIGE; HOMS, SYRIA.

5. REQUEST POST MAKE REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE
EDWARD'S W/W AND REPORT RESULTS EFFORTS TO DEPARTMENT.
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